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EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ISMEAL WAS MISTAKEN WHEN HE CITED EXAMPLE OF VERY SUCCESSFUL AND EXTREMELY LARGE SOYBEAN PLANTATION IN IVORY COAST OPERATED BY U.S. AND BRAZILIAN COMPANIES (REF A). ALTHOUGH THE IVORIANS HAVE BEEN TOYING WITH THE IDEA OF GROWING SOYBEANS FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THE FIRST CONCRETE ACTIONS WERE NOT TAKEN UNTIL MARCH 1978. AT THAT TIME THE IVORIANS SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH THE BRAZILIAN FIRM COCAPEC TO MANAGE THE FIRST TWO STAGES OF A TEN-YEAR PROGRAM. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE IS NO AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE NASCENT IVORIAN SOYBEAN INDUSTRY. REF B, WHICH EMBASSY ABIDJAN IS POUCHING TO ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER CONAKRY, CONTAINES FURTHER DETAILS ON IVORIAN SOYBEAN PLANS.  
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